

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the notice of non-compliant amendment mailed September 5, 2006, applicants resubmit the supplemental amendment that was filed on July 12, 2006. In this amendment, the correct status identifier is included for claim 60. Accordingly, applicants request that the notice of non-compliant amendment be withdrawn. Applicants have not changed anything from the supplemental amendment that was mailed. The text of the supplemental amendment appears below.

This amendment is supplemental to the amendment mailed June 13, 2006. The remarks in this supplemental amendment include all of the arguments from the amendment mailed June 13, 2006 in addition to the other arguments presented in paragraph 6. Thus, these remarks can be used in lieu of the remarks presented in the amendment mailed June 13, 2006.

Upon entry of this supplemental amendment, which amends claims 1, 60, and 75, cancels claims 51, 66 and 81, claims 1-3, 5, and 49-50, 52-65 and 68-89 will be pending.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Gupta (U.S. Patent No. 6,546,405, hereinafter "Gupta"). Applicants submit Gupta does not disclose or suggest every element of claim 1, as amended. For example, Gupta fails to disclose or suggest:

displaying a message indicator substantially during the predetermined interval of playback of the audiovisual production;
determining that a user has selected the message indicator
while the message indicator is displayed; and

displaying at least a portion of the message in response to the user selection of the message indicator, wherein the message included in a thread of plurality of messages, the method further comprising:

displaying at least a portion of one or more of the plurality of messages in the thread in response to determining that the user has selected the message indicator.

Gupta discloses an interface that displays temporal annotations. The temporal annotations are synchronized with the display of a multimedia document. *See Gupta*, col. 2, lines 36-48.

Nowhere in Gupta is it disclosed or suggested that a message indicator for a message is displayed and can be selected to cause displaying of at least a portion of the message. Embodiments of the present invention provide an enhanced viewing experience for

a user as at least a portion of the message can be displayed when a user has selected a message indicator for a message in one embodiment. Gupta does not show message indicators and only contemplates displaying temporal annotations.

Gupta may disclose a table of contents 230. However, the table of contents provides links to portions of the content of the multimedia document. *See Gupta*, col. 8, lines 11-16. Applicants submit this does not disclose or suggest displaying at least a portion of the message upon selection of the message indicator.

Gupta may also disclose threads of discussion. *See Gupta*, col. 10, lines 24-30. However, the threads of discussion in Gupta disclose a second annotation that is generated in response to a first annotation, etc. Applicants submit that this does not disclose or suggest determining that a user selected a message indicator and displaying at least a portion of the message in response. Rather, Gupta discloses displaying temporal annotations that are in response to other temporal annotations. Further, Gupta does not disclose or suggest displaying at least a portion of one or more of the plurality of messages in the thread in response to determining that the user has selected the message indicator.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1. Claims 2-3, 5, and 49-59 depend from claim 1 and thus derive patentability at least therefrom. These claims also recite additional nonobvious and novel features. For example, claim 52 recites dynamically resizing the first display area to a second display area upon determining the user has selected the message indicator, the second display area being smaller than the first display area and displaying the audiovisual production. Gupta does not disclose or suggest resizing a display area for the multimedia being displayed. Further, claim 53 recites displaying the at least a portion of the message in a portion of space vacated by the resizing of the first display area.

Also, claim 56 recites determining that the user has selected one of the additional message indicators; and expanding the one of the additional message indicators to include at least a portion of the message associated with the one of the additional message indicators. Gupta does not disclose or suggest any expanding of headlines. Rather, Gupta just discloses displaying temporal annotations.

Further, claim 58 recites changing from a first display mode to a second display mode, the second display mode including an expanded messaging interface to display the at least a portion of the message. Gupta does not disclose or suggest changing from a first display mode to a second display mode that includes an expanded messaging interface.

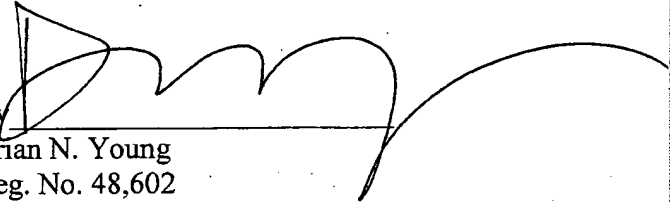
Also, claim 59 recites wherein the message indicator is displayed in a first display area and wherein the at least a portion of the message is displayed in a second display area in a different area from the first display area. Gupta does not disclose or suggest displaying the message indicator in a first area and the at least a portion of the message in a second area.

Applicants submit claims 60-89 should be allowable for at least a similar rationale as discussed with respect to claim 1.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present claims are in condition for allowance and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly sought. The undersigned may be contacted at the telephone number below at the Examiner's convenience if it would help in the prosecution of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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